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About the Cover

Springtime in Greenville starts early, bringing with it warmer temperatures and the occasional rain shower.



HEADLINES

GIVING DUE HONOR: ACCOLADES FOR STUDENTS AND GRADS



Jonathan Taylor, '02 international business grad, has been named senior vice president and treasurer of Cadence Financial Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary,

Cadence Bank, in Starkville, Miss. Jonathan went to Cadence from The South Financial Group in Greenville, S.C., where he served in various positions, including Capital Markets Specialist.



Theon Hill, '07 Bible grad, current rhetoric and public address master's degree candidate and speech communication faculty GA, attended the 7th Triennial Conference of the Kenneth Burke Society, sponsored by Villanova University, at the end of June 2008. He presented a paper titled "Triumph Over Tragedy: A Pentadic Analysis Contrasting Senator Hillary Clinton's Health Care Reform Rhetoric from the 1993-1994 Reform Campaign and the 2008 Presidential Campaign," which focused, from a rhetorical standpoint, on the reasons for the differences in public reception of Sen. Clinton's health care plan between the two campaigns.



Evan Duke, '06 trumpet performance graduate and current doctor of musical arts candidate at the University of Kentucky, was accepted by the International

Honors Wind Symphony and will perform with the group May 20-23 at Avery Fisher Hall in New York City. Evan was accepted into the International Honors Wind Symphony based on his membership in the University of Kentucky's top wind ensemble. He is a current student of Mark Clodfelter.



BJU has been awarded a patent for the networked cashless vending system currently used on most campus vending machines.



David Wilson (science faculty), **Don Congdon** (BJU Press) and **Jim Knisely** (math faculty) developed the system and applied for the patent in 2005.



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Brooks Popwell, senior cello performance major, won the South Carolina division of the American String Teachers Association string solo competition. He performed several required selections as well as Dvorák's *Rondo for Cello and Piano*, Ginastera's *Pampeana No. 2* and excerpts from the *4th Suite for Violoncello* by Bach. He advanced to the national semifinals.

The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra, and Jubilant Sykes and Christopher Parkening provided the Artist Series programs during the brief sabbatical from the Concert, Opera & Drama Series performances. The break in the normal fine arts productions was due to the façade remodeling of Rodeheaver Auditorium. *Love's Labour's Last* will be the first Classic Players production in the finished Rodeheaver.

To see photos, programs and synopses of past operas and plays, visit www.bju.edu and search for "productions."



At the Ball State University intercollegiate debate tournament held Dec. 5-6, 2008,

Renee Smith, senior organizational communication major, and **Michael Bixby**, senior political science major, won first place.



Alex Boese, junior political science major, and **Jon Washburn**, senior history major, won third place. In the speaker awards category,



Michael Smith, senior graphic design major, won first place, Alex Boese won second place and Renee Smith won third place.



Ardis Chetta, sophomore violin performance major, was awarded first place in the Collegiate String Division at a competition held at BJU Nov. 5-7, 2008, and sponsored by the South Carolina Music Teachers Association. Ardis advanced to the regional competition at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Va, in January 2009.



William Schleifer, '04 biology grad, '05 piano performance grad and current student at the Medical College of Georgia's School of Medicine, has received the Joseph Collins Foundation scholarship, a \$10,000 scholarship awarded to medical students east of the Mississippi with grades in the top 50 percent of the class, proven interest in culture and the arts in addition to medicine, and an intent to specialize in neurology or psychiatry or to become a general practitioner.



S.C. Rep. **Dan Hamilton**, 1998 organizational communication graduate who serves as representative for House District 20, has been elected vice chairman of the South Carolina House Freshman Caucus.

Memorials

Bob Jones University gratefully acknowledges the following memorials:

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Outstanding in their fields
BJU's faculty are accomplished professionals who bring a breadth of knowledge and experience to their classrooms. Here are just a few of **their stories.**



Rick Nifenecker
Culinary arts faculty

Rick Nifenecker's love for the restaurant industry started when he was a 13-year-old living in Cranberry Lake, N.J. "My neighbor owned two restaurants, and he needed a pot washer. And I was hungry. That's ultimately the reason you end up in this business—you enjoy food," he says. "I started out washing dishes and worked my way up."

An uncle living in France financed Rick's way through Le Cordon Bleu de Paris, one of the world's most prestigious culinary arts schools. After graduating, Rick moved to Manhattan and worked in several four- and five-star restaurants, including the Four Seasons, Le Cirque and Hotel Plaza Athénée.

While in New York, Rick saw the changed life of a recently saved brother-in-law. He consistently invited Rick to a Gospel-preaching church, where the young chef accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

Rick eventually returned to New Jersey and opened a wholesale bakery, Café Pierrot, with a Christian business partner. Café Pierrot makes everything from artisan bread to wedding cakes and supplies pastries to several caterers. They also opened a restaurant—giving Rick "a lot of irons in the fire."

But when BJU contacted Rick and asked him to consider filling a need in the culinary arts department, he was thrilled. "This is like my Super Bowl," he says. He joined the faculty in fall 2008.

Rick has the highest confidence in his culinary arts students and is impressed by their hard work and their love for Christ. "They can make it in this industry, they really can. And they really can be a light," he says. "This industry is huge, and there's little or no testimony at all for the Lord."

"We can, by God's grace, train these students to infiltrate the industry with the Gospel message."

OUTSTANDING
THEIR
ZFIELDS



Jamie Langston Turner
Professional writing faculty

A fifth-grade teacher reading poetry to her students after recess made a great impact on Jamie Turner's life. "I just fell in love with the sound of language," she says, and she began writing stories and poems of her own as a child.

So years later when her husband, Dan, was working on his doctorate, Jamie tried free-lance writing as a way to supplement their income. Though she had no formal writing training, she managed to publish articles, short stories and poems—but she also collected a box full of rejection slips. Jamie continued gaining experience and eventually became a

creative writing teacher at BJU, often showing her box of rejections to her students. "This was my education," she tells them.

In 1992, an editor who had seen some of Jamie's stories told her she should try a novel. The result was *Suncatchers*. "I love the artistic side of novel-writing," Jamie says. "I've always liked putting little pieces together to make something beautiful."

Today, Jamie has six published novels and is working on a seventh. Two of them, *A Garden to Keep* and *Winter Birds*, have won Christy Awards, a literary award recognizing excellence in Christian fiction.

Jamie's publishing experience has given her a more analytical eye and broader perspective when she helps her students. When a student hits a roadblock in a story, she can identify what the snag is and suggest several options for fixing it.

One of the unexpected rewards of her writing is getting letters from readers who have struggled with some of the "tough subjects" Jamie tackles in her books and who have been encouraged that there is hope. "To know that you have touched somebody's heart in a way that's going to make a difference," Jamie says, "there's no price tag on that."



Randy Leedy
New Testament and ancient languages faculty

Many students are glad to put the grammar exercise of sentence diagramming behind them. How about spending over a thousand hours diagramming—in Greek—for every sentence in the New Testament?

When the developers of BibleWorks, a well-known Bible language study software, asked BJU Greek professor Dr. Randy Leedy to do just that, he was eager to take on the project.

"I want to do whatever I can to help advance my generation's passing along of the Greek New Testament," Randy says. "And I think our generation, with the electronic media at our disposal, has a whole new world of possibilities."

The project took him three summers—1,350 hours, to be exact—to complete. But because of his labor, those studying any New Testament text using BibleWorks have at their fingertips a powerful tool for understanding the original Greek. "A diagram is a kind of grammatical map of the Greek sentence," Randy explains, and it helps users visualize exactly how the words in the sentence relate to one another.

The collection of diagrams is also a great classroom tool.

"When a student has a question in class about a grammatical structure we're discussing, I can just pull up that diagram and show it on the screen. It's also nice to be able to speak with some authority about what the guy who drew the diagrams intended," he says.

Randy, who has since worked on other freelance projects related to the Greek New Testament, readily admits the debt he owes to his own Greek professors at BJU. "I have a tremendous amount to be thankful for in what God has established here," he says. "If the Lord has allowed me to do something that is of service to people, it's not all about me, it's about His grace at work in a lot of people."



THEIR

Sue Quindag
Head, Department of String
Instruments

Idols lined the streets of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where scholars and educators gathered for the 2006 International Society for Music Education (ISME) World Conference. Dr. Sue Quindag, head of the BJU string department, presented research on South Carolina Gullah spirituals—and through it, the Gospel. Her audience, including a number of professionals from China, not only tolerated the spiritual emphasis—they were eager to hear it.

Sue was never expecting these kinds of phenomenal opportunities when she first started submitting papers to international conferences. She just thought it would be an interesting experience. "But the Lord changed my heart around," she says. Now when she travels, she does it because of the ministry she has with the people she meets. For example, on a recent trip to Italy, she met a woman from Shanghai and was able to use the Catholicism around them to explain how a works-based religion differs from the Gospel of grace.

As a member of both ISME and the International Society for the Philosophy of Music Education, Sue has presented papers and workshops in the Netherlands, South Africa, England, Norway, Spain, Canada, Malaysia, Sierra Leone and Italy.

She spends roughly two years researching and preparing for each conference. Before the Malaysia conference, she spent time in Edisto Island and Charleston, S.C., learning from the Gullahs, a community of black Americans in South Carolina and Georgia with a distinct West African-based culture. Not only was she able to share their musical heritage at the conference in Malaysia, but an influential educator from Sierra Leone arranged for Sue to come to West Africa to present her paper and work-shop a second time.

When she's not traveling the world, Sue brings her experience into the classroom. She encourages her graduate music students to pursue further education and to get involved in the unique ministry among musical professionals.

Bill Lovegrove
Head, Department of Physics
and Engineering

The little black Porsche started it.

When Dr. Bill Lovegrove was pursuing advanced engineering degrees at Clemson University, he entered a contest to design something with a new computer chip in it. Bill took a model Porsche and built a car that could drive itself—detecting obstacles and steering around them. "I won the contest with that little car, and it kind of got me hooked," he says.

The Porsche now sits in the Howell Memorial Science Building, where Bill is head of BJU's Physics and Engineering Department. He's still fascinated with embedded systems: special-purpose computers built into machines to perform tasks. Embedded systems can be found in everything from the timer in a coffee maker to the anti-lock brakes in a car. They're also a key component of robotics, another of Bill's passions that he shares with his students—inside and outside the classroom.

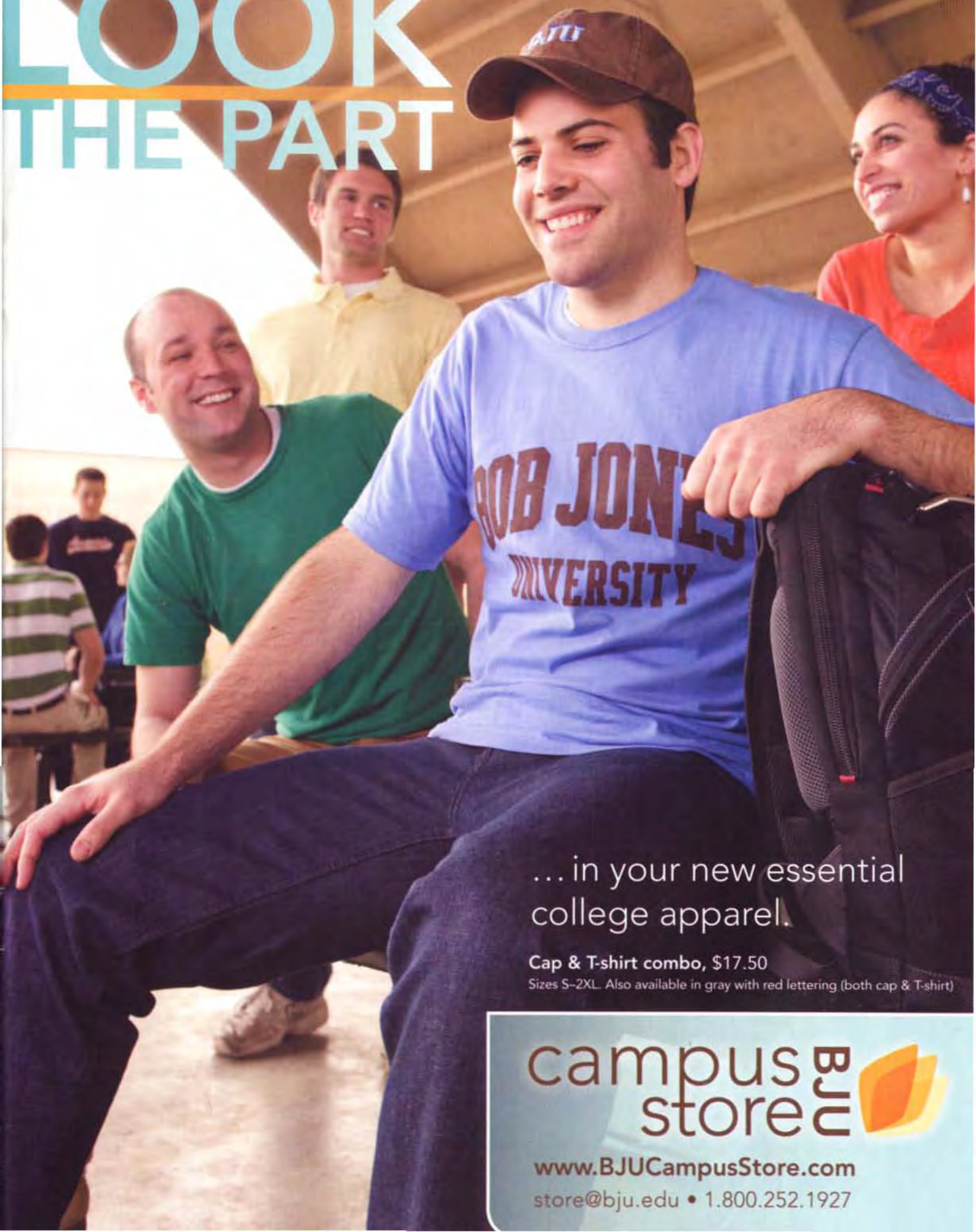
Each summer Bill takes student teams to Rochester, Mich., for the Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition, sponsored by several engineering and military organizations, including the U.S. Department of Defense. Engineering students from up to 30 universities compete to see whose robot can best navigate itself through an obstacle course, using cameras, GPS systems, sonar and other innovations.

"We started doing this because it's a great experience for our engineering students," Bill says. And self-navigating systems have potential real-world applications—from unmanned vehicles for the military to "smart cars" that detect obstacles and help drivers avoid collisions.

Designing a robot also stretches the students because it combines several disciplines. "You can't be just a programmer and you can't be just an electronics person," Bill says. An embedded system is "where computers and electronics come together, and you have to make them work together. That's what I like about it the best." ■



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STUDENT WORKERS AT BJU



A lawnmower without blades would still run—but it wouldn't do its job very well. The Student Work Program at Bob Jones University provides approximately 2,000 students with jobs that ensure efficiency in BJU's daily operations. Student workers answer phones, fix air conditioners, clean restrooms, run food lines, welcome campus guests, re-shelve books, ring up customers, grill burgers, weigh packages, lay mulch, wash pots, vacuum floors, sort mail ...

Serving Students

The Office of Student Services manages the Student Work Program and provides students an easy means of finding jobs.

"Our purpose is to serve students while providing for their employment needs," says Mr. Mark McKenney, Student Services Supervisor.

BJU has always made student needs—including financial ones—a priority. When the school was in Tennessee, Dr. Bob Jones Sr. was determined to keep the cost of education affordable. He asked local businesses for available work for struggling students so they could earn some money to help pay their bills. He even researched the possibility of building a textile factory on campus to provide student jobs.

Great Benefits

Having a job on campus provides more than just financial aid. Jacob Powell, a freshman financial management major, is on one of the cleanup crews at the dining common. He likes his job for the dent it makes in his school bill, but he also enjoys the break from academics.

"There could be a day where I have a lot of school work to get done, and I can go to work and forget about it all for a little while," Jacob says.

An on-campus job also provides a valuable outlet for workers to meet other students whom they might not come in contact with otherwise. Bryan Horner, who completed coursework for his mass media degree in December, was a student manager at the library. He loved the job experience, but he says the people were his favorite part.

"I have great memories of the people I have worked with," he says. "They were always an encouragement, and they made the job easier."

Chris Ball, a senior youth ministries major and head of the Usher Crew, says, "The guys on the Usher Crew have a strong bond, and I have made many of my closest college friends through the time spent on the crew."

With the relationships student workers establish with each other comes mutual

spiritual encouragement. "My favorite aspect of the Usher Crew is our usher Sunday school," says Chris. In order to be on time and prepared for the morning service every Sunday, the Usher Crew holds its own

Sunday school half an hour earlier than other students. "Each week a different usher preaches God's Word. This time of singing and listening to God's Word is always so refreshing."

Managers Who Care

The faculty and staff who oversee student crews also play a role in their workers' spiritual encouragement. Whether it's to a crew or on a one-on-one basis, faculty and staff managers make themselves available for encouragement and counsel.

"The staff for the hostess crew is concerned for you not only physically but also spiritually," said Meredith Fallon, a freshman English major and beverage wall worker in the dining common. "Much time is spent talking and laughing as well as praying for each other."

... Organize files, wax floors, deliver equipment, run a scoreboard, clean fryers, supervise children, give tours, direct traffic, iron clothing, fix computers, write scripts, fill the salad bar, organize props, accompany soloists ...

Student workers do a lot and get more than money in return. BJU continues to operate efficiently, and student workers are rewarded with quality relationships and spiritual encouragement that will continue long after they've clocked out. ■

“Student workers do a lot and get more than money in return”



**CLOCKED
OUT**

SERVING TOGETHER

With more than 4,000 students, it takes a lot of staff to keep BJU running—nearly 1,400. That represents nearly 42,000 hours of work each week! With that many people working side by side for that many hours, it takes dedication and a spirit of serving to fulfill the mission of BJU—developing Christlike character.

Retail Departments

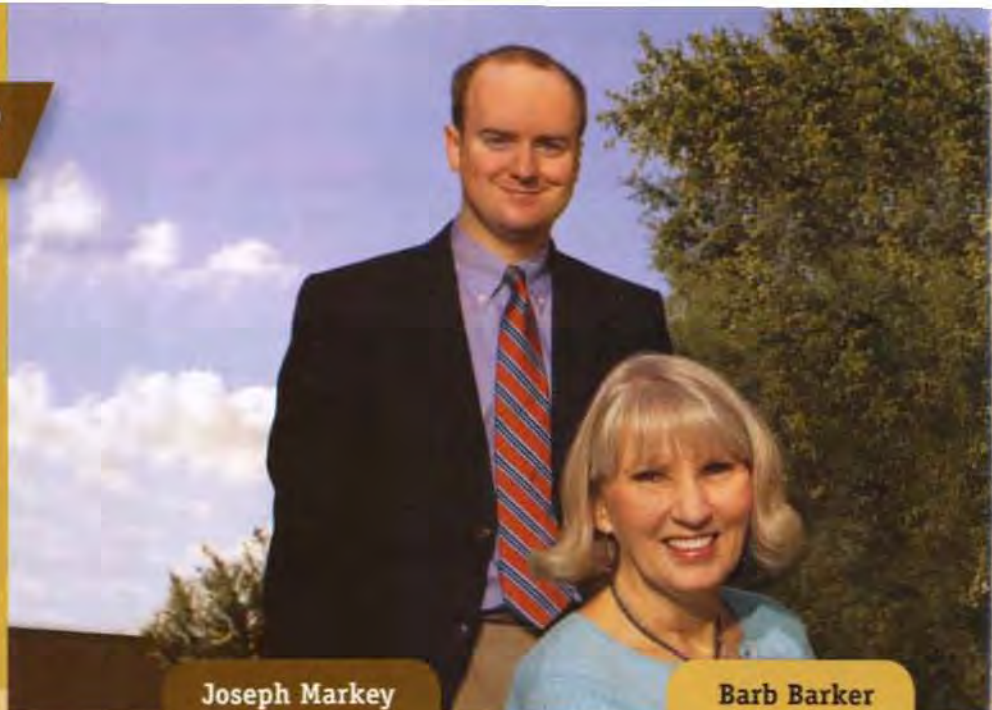
The retail departments at BJU offer the students and off-campus customers quality services at affordable prices—and you can't beat the convenience!

The **University Cleaners** keeps busy cleaning more than 800 items a day. In addition to professional dry cleaning, they offer professional laundering and pressing of clothes and specialize in wedding dress preservation.

The **Post Office** is the place students go to pick up those special packages from home. In fact, more than 200 packages go out each day and 200 come in. A few stamps are sold as well—205,475 last year, to be exact. That's more than 600 a day!

Bellis Copy Center is a full-service copy center, serving the on-campus community and customers from the Greater Greenville area—providing black and white, and digital color copies and laminating, cutting, folding, perforating and binding services.

The **Campus Store** currently stocks 7,000 books and more than 600 CDs. The store also sells textbooks, school supplies, and cards and gift items, doing business with more than 500 vendors.



Joseph Markey

Barb Barker

Campus Store systems and financial supervisor: "I manage the cash register system and oversee the bookkeeping department."

Education: BA Bible, '98, and MA Bible, '01, BJU

Years at BJU: 11

Ministry/Job

Favorite part of job: "Solving problems"

Favorite part of working at BJU:

"The opportunity to offer so many quality Christian books"

How do you see your job contributing to BJU's overall mission—developing Christlike character? "I have the opportunity to teach young people the importance of ethical business practices as a necessity to living biblically in every area of life."

Family: Single

"At Christmas my brothers and I travel to Ohio to be with our family."

Personal

Hobby: reading

To do: go to Wales to visit some missionary friends

Favorite subjects to read about: science fiction and current economic and political issues

Associate Manager, Bellis Copy Center: "I supervise the staff, train employees on the equipment and work with customers."

Previous work experience: Telephone operator: "It was there that I learned how to 'overlap,' which is now called 'multi-tasking.'"

Years at BJU: 29

Ministry/Job

Favorite part of job: "Satisfying the customers"

Least favorite part: "Laminating"

Interaction with students: "It is so important to me to reach the hearts of the students and teach them that the Christian life is more than obeying rules—it's giving your heart to the Lord."

Family: Husband: Joe; Children: Kim, Joe Jr., Jessica; four grandchildren: Jonas, Lexi, Macon, Ivy
Originally from Huntington, W.Va.
"We make sausage balls every Christmas morning."

Personal

Hobbies: baking, football (any team!)

To do: remodel my house

Favorite book genre: mysteries—
"Dr. Silvester of the English faculty keeps me stocked with good books!"



Mark Stuber

Pilar Paulino

Angela Jezowski

Head, University Post Office: "I oversee and assist the receiving, shipping and distribution of mail and packages."

Education: BS business management, '84, BJU; Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (paramedic), '94; Level I-III Security Instructor, '98, Tri-County Technical College

Years at BJU: 24

Ministry/Job

Favorite part of job: "Handing out packages to the students—I went from handing out tickets in Public Safety to packages at the Post Office. I definitely enjoy the packages more!"

Family: Wife: Cheryl; Children: Jennifer (18), Elizabeth (16), Kimberly (12), Robert (9)
Born in Allentown, Penn.
"The kids' birthdays and hunting trips are always 'Daddy Dates.'"

Personal

Hobbies: hunting, sports, fishing, camping, gardening/yard work
To do: Travel to Hawaii and back to Alaska

Production Associate at the University Cleaners: "I supervise student workers and train them on the machinery."

Years at BJU: 10

Ministry/Job

How did you end up at BJU? "We wanted our four children to attend BJU."

Favorite part of job: "Fixing things that no one else can fix"

How do you see your job contributing to BJU's overall mission—developing Christlike character? "I try to encourage the students spiritually, and I pray for them."

Family: Husband: Greg; children: Daniel, Sara, Raquel, Josue
Originally from Dominican Republic
"When the kids were growing up, every Friday night was family night."

Personal

Hobby: biking

Ministry involvement: "I host a Bible study for young girls in my home."

To do: to have an influence on Spanish-speaking women

Interesting fact: "I come from a family with 13 children."

Favorite subject to read about: Puritanism

Office coordinator, Campus Store: "I oversee the office, coordinate student schedules and handle the advertising for the store."

Education: BS office administration, '94, BJU

Previous work experience: "I used to be a bank teller."

Years at BJU: 15

Ministry/Job

Favorite part of job: "The students—I always look forward to their return at the end of the summer."

Least favorite part: "Saying goodbye to the seniors."

How do you see your job contributing to BJU's overall mission—developing Christlike character? "I see the students as my ministry."

Family: Husband: Jon; children: "We're expecting our first child in July!"

Originally from South Carolina
"My husband and I try to jog together at least once a week."

Personal

Hobby: jogging

To do: travel to Europe

Favorite book genre: historical fiction



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Life-touching-life Discipleship

Everything here at BJU revolves around discipleship. We are an academic institution, and developing the students mentally is foundational to our mission of developing Christlike character in them. But we believe Christlikeness isn't developed in the classroom alone.

One of the primary ways we disciple our students is in the residence halls. While living with two or three roommates may be difficult at times, the opportunity to meet so many other people—and learn how to live with them in close quarters—is an invaluable opportunity for personal and spiritual growth.

The entire structure of residence hall life is designed to provide each person with growth opportunities. Unlike many schools where upperclassmen are in separate residence halls, BJU mixes upperclassmen and underclassmen. This mix provides an “iron sharpening iron” environment that is particularly beneficial to freshmen as they learn to navigate college life.

Each residence hall room has an Assistant Prayer Captain, someone who has demonstrated love for the Lord, is responsible for the spiritual oversight of the other students in the room and leads in room devotions. There is also an upperclassman (Prayer Captain) who oversees his own room along with two or three adjacent rooms, which we call a “Prayer Group.” The students in that group get together several times each week for a devotional and prayer time. Each hall has a resident assistant, who provides spiritual oversight for the students on the hall and works in cooperation with the resident supervisor, a staff member who oversees the entire residence hall. All of these people are in place to help advance the students' spiritual focus in the residence halls and to help things run smoothly as well.

This year we have instituted another program in several of the residence halls that is also intended to further disciple students. Faculty and staff members have volunteered to be part of a Prayer Group Partnership program, where the faculty or staff member “adopts” a prayer group and agrees to both pray for the students in the prayer group as well as share his or her own requests with those students. The program has been very well received by the students and has become one of the highlights of the year for me and for the other faculty and staff who are involved.

In a sense, all of these methods for discipling residence hall students represent only a sliver of what we're doing to accomplish life-touching-life discipleship. There are many other people serving in the Dean of Men's and Dean of Women's offices, in the Office of Mentoring & Student Leadership Development, and in other departments in their faculty and staff roles—all to help our students continue to grow in their likeness to Christ. Please pray with us as we seek to develop these students for the Lord in the classroom and in every other campus venue.

—Stephen Jones

ITINERARIES

DR. STEPHEN JONES

ARIZONA

Phoenix
March 12
Friendship Dinner

CALIFORNIA

Antioch
March 18
Iglesia Biblica Bautista
Antioquia

Los Angeles
March 16
Friendship Dinner

Oakland
March 17
Friendship Dinner

COLORADO

Denver
March 14
Friendship Dinner

MICHIGAN

Hazel Park
April 21 p.m.
Women's & Teens Crisis
Pregnancy Center
(Gift of Life Banquet)

NORTH CAROLINA

Brevard
April 7
The Wilds
(SE Regional FBFI)

Greensboro
May 22 p.m.
Vandalia Christian Schl
(Graduation)

OREGON

Portland
March 19
Friendship Dinner

PENNSYLVANIA

Centre Hall
April 26
Calvary Bible Church

UTAH

Salt Lake City
March 13
Friendship Dinner

WASHINGTON

Seattle
March 20
Friendship Dinner

WISCONSIN

Brookfield
February 15
Brookside Baptist Church

DR. BOB JONES III

CAMEROON

Foumban
May 18-21
(GFA Family Camp)

ALABAMA

Mobile
March 8
Meadowlake Baptist Church
(Church Anniversary)

FLORIDA

Bonita Springs
March 1
Gospel Baptist Church

ILLINOIS

Schaumburg
March 28
Bethel Baptist Church
(Men for Christ Meeting)

MARYLAND

Hagerstown
April 12
Emmanuel Baptist Temple
(Church Anniversary)

MISSOURI

Troy
February 15
Maranatha Baptist Church

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord
April 3-5
Trinity Baptist Church
(Leadership Conference)

HILL

March 15
Hill Village Bible Church

Laconia

March 18
Heritage Free Will Baptist
Church

New Durham

March 17
First Free Will Baptist
Church

Wentworth

March 16
Baker River Bible Church

OREGON

Eugene
April 26 a.m.
Westside Baptist Church

Tigard

April 26 p.m.
Westgate Baptist Church

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Field: *Music*

Major Options: church music (various principals), voice performance, piano performance, piano pedagogy, organ performance, string pedagogy, orchestral instrument performance, music education

Field Facts:

- In addition to increased technical skills on their primary instrument, music students develop high levels of concentration, problem-solving skills, coordination, organization and confidence; these provide our graduates with necessary tools to be successful in God's calling for their lives.
- BJU graduates a large number of music majors each year. Employers know that our grads are well prepared—"thoroughly furnished"—musically. BJU seeks to give the students the tools to effectively meet the demands and challenges they will face in the workforce.

Grad: Scott Moore, BMus violin performance, '07, BJU: MMus violin performance in progress, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music; full-time student of Piotr Milewski; part-time violin/viola teacher "My advice for current students is to never neglect practice. College life is extremely busy, and making the time to practice can be a challenge. Don't make life harder by allowing other factors over which you do have control take away from the practice room."



Hannah Blondke,
senior nursing major
from Pittsford, Mich.

"The Lord gave me a strong desire to help people by meeting their physical needs. My goal is to serve man and show love to God."



Faculty Profile

Kathleen Crispin, chairman, Division of Nursing
28 years at BJU

EdD, '94, BJU; MSN, '71, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
BSN, '69, University of Virginia

**Dustan Chevalier,
sophomore music
education major from
Greenville, S.C.**

"God has given me a great burden for proclaiming the Gospel through music education. Ultimately, music is not worth anyone's devotion, but the Gospel is worth more than we can ever give, and music can be used as a means to this great end."



Faculty Profile

Ed Dunbar, chairman, Division of Music; head, organ department
31 years at BJU
DMA organ performance, '80, Louisiana State University; MMus
organ performance, '75, LSU; BMus organ performance, '74,
Henderson State University



Field: Nursing

Related Majors: *premed/preident; pre-physical therapy; foods & nutrition; health, fitness & recreation*

Field Facts:

- The nursing shortage is a huge international concern. The average age of a nurse in the United States is 45. The average age of retirement for nurses is 55—so in a few years we will have a large number of nurses retiring.
- The 2008 national average for passing the nursing licensure exam (NCLEX) was 86.7 percent. The BJU NCLEX pass rate for 2008 was 97.4 percent.
- In the U.S., nurses outnumber physicians at a ratio of 4 to 1.
- According to the American Nurses Association, nursing is unique in the medical field because nurses focus not only on the part of the body that may be injured or diseased but also pay attention to the patient's emotional and mental responses to being ill and seek to treat the whole person.

Grad: Merrylee Mullinax, BSN nursing, '88, BJU; FNP, '96, University of South Carolina; family nurse practitioner at nursing homes in Greenville and Mauldin, S.C.

"Nursing is a growing field in which one must always learn new things. Medicine is always changing, and so we also must learn daily—but the healing comes from God alone."

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list of majors.*

Building a robot, firing a cannon or handling live snakes may not be the typical class projects for many high school students, but these are just a few of the opportunities that students might have during a visit from one of BJU's science and technology teams. BJU students are making science and technology come alive for the next generation while sharing a little bit of the college experience.

THE SCIENCE TEAM

The BJU science team has been providing Christian students this opportunity since 1993. It seeks to interest precollege students in the field of science while exposing them to science equipment and demonstrations they wouldn't normally see, says Dr. George Matzko, chairman of the Division of Natural Science.

The team, consisting of one faculty member and two students from the science department, travels about twice each year, visiting both Christian schools and homeschool groups. Team members bring various demonstrations, vigorous chemical reactions and live animals to students of all ages—high school, junior high and even elementary.



In fact, the younger the group, the more they love all types of living things, says former team member David McKinney, a graduate student in biblical counseling, who has an undergraduate degree in biology. "Children marvel at the incredible things God has made, and it captivates them in an amazing way," David says.

Traveling on the science team gave him an opportunity to get young people excited about their Creator through the study of God's creation. "Almost 150 kindergarteners would sit quietly as I talked about



snakes while holding one," he says. "Their curiosity about all of life was a joy to see."

Besides cultivating an interest for science in younger students, the team encourages Christian high school students who are planning to study science in college to consider attending a Christian college.



Dr. Matzko points out that at a time when Christ-believing scientists are greatly needed, more Christians are studying science at secular schools. Not only do these students become discouraged by evolutionary teaching, but they also miss out on the many benefits of studying at a Christian college: frequently smaller classes and more help and attention from professors, faculty who pray for their students, and a biblical worldview.

Robbie May, former team member and science education major who completed his degree work in December, sought a college with a well-established science department, but he knew from attending a public high school that he would also need sound biblical training to defend his faith. He found that BJU has both. "The Lord led me right here," he says.



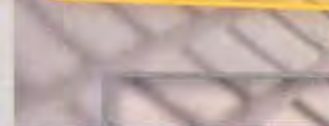
"We want to show students that they can get a quality education at Bob Jones University in the sciences," Dr. Matzko says. In fact, he points out that the largest concentration of young-earth creationists in the world, including 17 faculty members with doctorates, exists right here at BJU. "[Many students] don't realize that our science program is the best-kept secret around," he says.

THE COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM

The science program isn't BJU's only secret, though. Many people may also be unfamiliar with a relatively new aspect of BJU's computer science department: the computer science robotics team.



The team, which began about four years ago, is led by Mr. Dan Wooster, head of the computer science department, and consists of four students from the fields of computer science, information technology or math.



Typically, the robotics team visits two Christian schools each semester, teaching high school students how to build and program their own robots using the Lego Mindstorms robotics kit. This process gives the high school students an opportunity for shoulder-to-shoulder interaction with college students while solving a complex computer problem, Mr. Wooster says.

Both the high school students and the team members get excited when they see their finished robots doing what they've been programmed to do. Team member Paul Ralph, a junior computer science major, recalls building a robot to help out with a prize drawing using the students' information cards. He stood all of the cards on end and programmed the robot to pick a card by spinning around and launching a Lego figure into it.

"The kids loved it," he says. "It helped them think more 'out-of-the-box' about what they could make their robot do."



Jordan Jueckstock, a senior computer science major and former team member, found it rewarding to see high school students enjoying computer science. "It was a unique chance to see the next generation of engineers and programmers getting their feet wet for the first time," he says.

The robotics team can even influence those students' college decisions, as Charity Lopez, another team member and junior actuarial science major, learned.



"We were able to show them the opportunities that a Christian college can offer in math and science," she says.

The team also allows students to see how fun and useful a degree in computer science, math or technology



can be. Team member Brandon Durkee, a junior computer science major, says, "Students who had never thought twice about computer science or robotics suddenly discover that such fields of study are, in fact, quite interesting."

He enjoys explaining the programming process to others at their level. "We have lots of fun together, and the students hardly realize how much they are learning in the process," he adds.

Mr. Wooster challenges the high school students to serve God in whatever field He gifts them in. "They don't have to be preachers. They don't have to be singers. They don't have to be actors to be used of the Lord," he says. By ministering to the next generation, BJU's science and computer science teams demonstrate that students who are gifted in the areas of science, computer science, math and technology can use their talents to make an impact for Christ. ■



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